

We claim:

1 1. A computer implemented method of generating a document, comprising:
2 providing a first user interface with which a first user may generate a document
3 template;
4 providing a second user interface with which a second user may generate a content
5 file related to the document template, the functionality available through the
6 second user interface being determined by a user other than the second user;
7 and
8 combining the document template and the content file to generate the document.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the functionality of the second user interface is
2 determined by the first user.

3 3. The method of claim 1, wherein:
4 the document template and the content file are stored at a first server; and
5 after combining the document template and the content file to generate the document,
6 the document is sent to a second server.

7 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the functionality available through the second user
8 interface comprises functionality to create content files related to at least one document template
9 specified by the first user.

10 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the functionality available through the second user
11 interface does not include functionality to create content files related to a second document
12 template that is not specified by the first user.

1 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving through the first user interface
2 data defining the document template.

3 7. The method of claim 6, wherein the data defining the document template further
4 defines what data is entered to generate the content file related to that template file.

1 8. The method of claim 6, wherein the data defining the document template further
2 defines the functionality available through the second user interface.

1 9. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving through the second user interface
2 data defining the content file.

1 10. A document production system, comprising:

2 a user interface module for:

3 providing a first user interface to a first user with which the first user may
4 generate a document template; and

5 providing a second user interface to a second user with which the second user may
6 generate at least one content file related to the document template, the
7 functionality available through the second user interface being selected by a
8 user other than the second user;

9 a database for storing the document template and the at least one content file;

10 a document module connected to the user interface module for combining the
11 document template and the content file to generate a document; and

12 a publish module for outputting the generated document.

13 11. The system of claim 10, wherein the functionality available through the second user
14 interface comprises functionality to create a plurality of content files related to at least a first
15 document template, the identity of the first document template specified by the first user.

1 12. The system of claim 11, wherein the functionality available through the second user
2 interface does not include functionality to create content files related to a second document
3 template that is not specified by the first user.

1 13. The system of claim 10, wherein the user interface module receives through the first
2 user interface data defining the document template.

1 14. The system of claim 13, wherein the data defining the document template further
2 defines what data is entered to generate the content file related to that template file.

1 15. The method of claim 13, wherein the data defining the document template further
2 defines the functionality available through the second user interface.

1 16. The system of claim 10, further comprising a file manager module for storing a
2 relationship between the document template and the content file.

1 17. A computer implemented method of generating a document, comprising:
2 receiving data defining a document template;
3 receiving content data to be added to the document template; and
4 combining the document template to the content data to generate the document.

1 18. The method of claim 17, wherein the content data is received through a user interface
2 having functionality defined by a first user.

1 19. The method of claim 17, wherein:
2 the content data is received through a user interface having functionality defined by a
3 first user; and
4 the data defining the document template further defines the functionality available
5 through the user interface.

1 20. The method of claim 17, wherein the data defining the document template further
2 defines what data types comprise the content data.

1 21. The method of claim 18, wherein the content data is received from a second user.

1 22. The method of claim 18, wherein the functionality defined by the first user includes
2 functionality allowing the second user to add content data to a document template specified by
3 the first user, but not other document templates not specified by the first user.

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